

USAID MISSION DIRECTOR FOR BANGLADESH SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 2 -- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) swore in Denise Rollins as its new Mission Director for Bangladesh. Acting USAID Administrator Henrietta Fore presided over the ceremony and administered the oath of office.

As Mission Director for Bangladesh, Rollins will be responsible for managing health, education, economic growth, democracy and governance, peace and security, and humanitarian assistance programs worth more than \$72 million. One of the top U.S. priorities in Bangladesh is to help establish a more stable democracy that respects human rights and combats trafficking in persons. In addition, USAID is actively working to reduce poverty and stem potential religious extremism. Bangladesh is a democratic, Muslim-majority nation and is one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in the world.

"Denise has a track record of effective program management," stated Acting Administrator Fore. "She has had a distinguished twenty-year career with USAID, and I am confident that she is the right person to be mission director in Bangladesh at this critical time for the country."

Prior to her appointment in Bangladesh, Rollins served USAID as Deputy Mission Director for South Africa, Acting Deputy Mission Director for Nigeria, a program officer in Nigeria, Uganda, and Ghana, and a project development officer in Jamaica.

Rollins is from Detroit, Michigan, and received her bachelor's degree in economics from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and her master's degree in international public policy from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. She is married and has a son.

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